

MEMO TO: City Council

FROM: Rosemarie M. Ives, Mayor

DATE: October 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Authorizing Funds for the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC) Andrew Carson Art Project

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move to approve \$7,072 (including sales tax) to purchase Large Double Swirl with Glass, a kinetic outdoor artwork, by Andrew Carson for the west entrance at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center.

The artwork is recommended for purchase by the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC).

II. CONTACT PERSONS:

Danny Hopkins, Director of Parks and Recreation	(425) 556-2310
Melna Skillingstead, Arts Administrator	(425) 556-2316
Roy Leban, Chair, Arts Commission	(425) 885-1432

III. DESCRIPTION:

Public art for public places is desirable as indicated in the 1992 Artwork Site Plan and Inventory Report. Art creates an aesthetically pleasing environment welcomed by residents and visitors alike. Andrew Carson exhibited his kinetic artwork in the 2003-04 Redmond Outdoor Sculpture program on the Municipal Campus. Mr. Carson is selling the City his artwork at 50% of his original price. He has worked closely with an Art Placement Committee to locate the sculpture in an area that is easy for pedestrian traffic to view. After visits to several potential sites; the west entrance off 166 Ave NE has been selected as the preferred location.

The work will be sited as utility locations allow, in the planter bed just east of the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center on the south side of the driveway located on 166 Ave NE. The Technical Committee has reviewed this installation location and approved it within the sight distance triangle since the artwork is on a pole that is above the sight lines of a driver exiting onto 166 Ave NE.

The final recommendation by the Redmond Arts Commission is to accept Andrew Carson's offer to purchase the art including installation for \$6,500 (half of the retail price of \$13,000) and to place this artwork as the artist has recommended.

IV. IMPACT:

The City of Redmond Public Art Collection inventory now includes 89 works. Sixty-two (62) indoor portable works are semi-permanently and permanently displayed throughout city buildings; twenty-one (21) permanent outdoor works are on display throughout the city as well as integrated art work in selected public works projects.

The total funding for this art project is \$7,072, which covers the cost of artwork, installation and Washington State sales tax. Funds will come from the Per Capita Visual Art allocation in the Arts Activity Fund for 2005.

V. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. The Council may approve budgetary authorization to purchase this artwork as recommended by the RAC and staff.
- B. The Council may choose to not approve the expenditure to purchase this artwork, which would mean no art would be purchased in 2005.

VI. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Artwork photo

/s/ Danny Hopkins, Director of Parks and Recreation Date: 10/05/2005

Approved for Council Agenda
/s/ Rosemarie M. Ives, Mayor

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